GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:75
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AIRTEL TELEPHONE OPERATORS
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private telephone operator Airtel has been allowed to operate in 30 cities in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated revenue loss to be incurred by the Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circle thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): M/s. Bharti Telenet has been issued licence to provide Basic Telephone Service in the entire service area of Madhya Pradesh Telecom. Circle. The licensee is providing the service under the brand name of Airtel. The licence is for a period of 20 years. The revenue of Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circle has not been declined after the commencement of service by the private operator.